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Re: Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
Entitled: An Integrated Biochip System for Sample Preparation and Analysis
Appl. No.: 09/973,629
Filed: October 9, 2001
Inventors: Cheng et al.
Our Ref.: ART-00105.P.1.1-US

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on November 9, 2001, applicants respectfully submit a signed declaration. This submission is filed within the proper 2 month period, and thus no extension of time is required. The fee as required under 37 CFR 1.16(I) is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

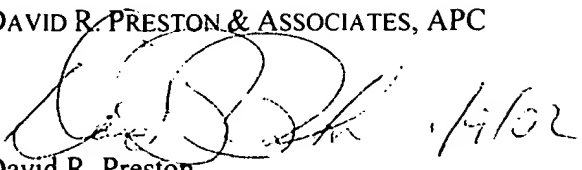
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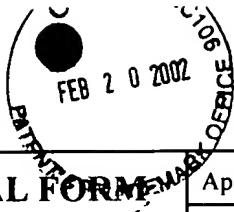
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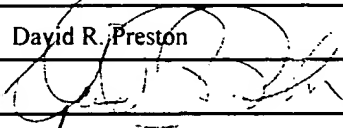
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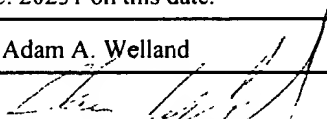


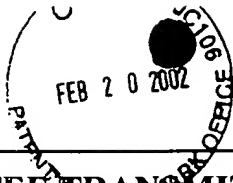
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TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)		Application Number:	09/973,629
		Filing Date:	October 9, 2001
		First Named Inventor:	Cheng, Jing
		Group Art Unit:	To be determined
		Examiner:	To be determined
Total Pages in This Submission:	9	Attorney Docket Number:	ART-00105.P.1.1-US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)			
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 C.F.R. 1.52 or 1.53			

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual Name	David R. Preston
Signature	
Date	Jan 9 2002

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
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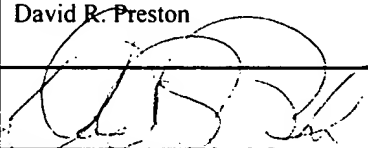
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FEE CALCULATION						
1. BASIC FILING FEE						
	Large Entity Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
	101		201		Utility Filing Fee	\$
	106		206		Design Filing Fee	\$
	107		207		Plant Filing Fee	\$
	108		208		Reissue Filing Fee	\$
	114		214		Provisional Filing Fee	\$
SUBTOTAL (1)						\$ 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES								
				Extra Claims		Fee From Below		Fee Paid
Total Claims	[]	-20 **	Equals	[0]	Times	[]	Equals	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	[]	-3 **	Equals	[0]	Times	[]	Equals	\$ 0.00
Subtotal (2)								\$ 0.00
** or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below								
	Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description			
	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)				
	103		203		Claims in excess of 20			
	102		202		Independent claims in excess of 3			
	104		204		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
	109		209		** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
	110		210		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			

3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
105		205	65.00	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	\$65.00
127		227		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
139		139		Non-English specification	\$
147		147		For filing a request for reexamination	\$
112		112		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
113		113		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
115		215		Extension for reply within first month	\$
116		216		Extension for reply within second month	\$
117		217		Extension for reply within third month	\$
118		218		Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
128		228		Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
119		219		Notice of Appeal	\$
120		220		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
121		221		Request for oral hearing	\$
138		138		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	\$
140		240		Petition or revive - unavoidable	\$
141		241		Petition or revive - unintentional	\$
142		242		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
143		243		Design issue fee	\$
144		244		Plant issue fee	\$
122		122		Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
123		123		Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
126		126		Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
581		581		Recording each patent assignment per property	\$
146		246		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 C.F.R. 1.129(a))	\$
149		249		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	\$
Other fee (specify):					\$
* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid				Subtotal (3)	\$ 65.00

4. SUMMATION OF FEES	
SUBTOTAL (1)	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL (2)	\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL (3)	\$ 65.00
TOTAL FEES	\$ 65.00

SUBMITTED BY			Complete (If Applicable)	
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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